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OUR COVER. **Christmas Carolers at Marcy Center. In addition to singing for the Christmas pageant, and other group events, these girls went through the neighborhood singing carols. In all Methodism Marcy Center stands alone as a mission and social-service center in a Jewish community. It is the largest work of its kind under any church organization.** **(See page 12.)**

Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences

(Continued from November issue)

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Southern Illinois Conference **— (see page 94, November issue) additional — Jurisdiction Conference: Mrs. Elmer Davis, Harrisburg, Ill.**

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

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SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Central Kansas Conference **— General Conference: Mrs. Joe T. Rogers, 224 N. Erie St., Wichita, Kans. Jurisdictional Conference: Mrs. George Ott, 402 E. 5th St., Kinsley, Kans.; Mrs. Pearl Stevens, Caldwell, Kans.**

Kansas Conference **— (Additional, see page 30, November issue) Jurisdictional Conference: Mrs. W. C. Hanson, 5306 Windsor Lane, Kansas City 3, Kans.**

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The Lord's Song in a Strange Land

"I THINK the Woman's Division of Christian Service has been divinely led in the choice of the theme for 1944, 'The Lord's Song in a Strange Land,' writes a Methodist woman. It is significant that this theme follows the others of the quadrennium, "Our Heritage," "For the Facing of This Hour," and "A New Earth Wherein Dwelleth Righteousness."

The Lord's Song

In the most recent pamphlet of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, entitled, *They Found the Church There,* the writer speaks of the necessity for singing "The Lord's Song" today. "Destruction and desolation spread over the world. The world revolution through which we are passing is likely to make changes in the fabric of life as we have known it far beyond our present comprehension. Mission projects and programs will not escape such change. The best we can do is to try to understand our time and to project our thinking as far into the future as possible." Certainly, there was never a day which so much needed "The Lord's Song" to be sung as today. And, this is *our* day! The singing of the song is dependent upon *us!*

We are the link in Christian history between early pioneers of Methodist women—Belle Bennett, Laura Haygood, Carrie Barge, Mrs. Lucy Webb Hayes, Clara Swain, Isabella Thoburn, Harriett G. Brittain, Annie L. Forrest, and the future Christian enterprise. We must sing "The Lord's Song" in our day—in our world! True, it is not the same world which faced these early leaders. In many ways it is more complex! It deals with age-old frontiers—but it also deals with new frontiers! We face many *unknown* frontiers! It is larger than the world known by these early leaders—but it is also smaller! Like them, we face new physical frontiers—the need for relief of starving people—physical plants and buildings necessary to house our work—the support of missionaries and deaconesses to carry forward the work—the challenge of the needs of our local churches.

But, that is not all! There are frontiers of mind and spirit which need to be conquered in the name of the Christ. As the war comes to a close "another job for the churches will be the teaching of control of the unleashed energy of hate and the redirection of that energy into the avenues of creative reconstruction. But teaching of control will not suffice. The great healing of the spirit for Western Christians will come—can come—only through release of energies in new directions through international and interracial ministries which heal both bodies and spirits of those for whom these ministries are then maintained."

Concern for Our Song

I write these words, "Concern for Our Song," following a week of intense sessions of the Committee on Finance and Estimates of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. We are compelled, by law of the church, to build our appropriations for the new year on the basis of the receipts of the past year. This is sound financial policy. But—we are in a war with untold *new needs* on home and foreign fields. This editorial will be read chiefly by women—women who are handling budgets of families every day. Yours, perhaps is a family of six. But, what happens when you arrive at the grocery store to purchase food or at a department store to purchase clothing? Your former purchasing power proves inadequate to the new needs. Put your family situation beside the picture of a home for children within the Woman's Division of Christian Service with one hundred children! Or again, put it beside the situation in China where it costs $8 per day for a missionary to live as against $2.25 in prewar days!

May I share something with you? We cannot adequately "Sing the Lord's Song in Our Day" on a prewar budget! Here are some sentences out of secretaries' reports as they came to the Committee on Finance and Estimates of the needs—absolute needs of their fields:

"Argentina—To this end the Seminary asks an increase in appropriations of $2,500 to cover scholarships for girls . . . . *but not a dollar for increase is available!*

"Brazil—Increased appropriations asked for the schools total $2,658 . . . . *but not a dollar for increase is available.*

"China—The increased cost of living in China means that whereas it cost a missionary to live in China $2.25 per day;

Please read in January meeting of your society this editorial, "The Lord's Song in a Strange Land." It should be used in connection with pledge service.

it now costs $8 per day. This means an increase of $126,000 alone in the budget for China and this does not take into consideration the need . . . . immense need . . . . vital need of native leaders . . . . *but not a dollar for increase is available.*

"China—For the Fukien area to keep work on prewar basis, twenty times present appropriation is needed for Work Budget . . . . *but not a dollar is available for increase.*

"Deaconess Work—The raising of the cash salary for deaconesses in national institutions to the minimum is very much needed . . . . *but not a dollar for increase is available.*

"India—It is encouraging to have increasing requests for help for our evangelistic work . . . . the total of such requests this year is $5,265. The needs range all the way from a cart and bullock needed because government took the car, to funds to pay for lights, charts, and little books for classes in reading held in the villages at night for hard-working men and women who will supplement the work of pastors who are all too few . . . . *but not a dollar for increase is available.*

"City Settlements—Many full-time workers are needed at Bethlehem Houses, Wesley Houses, Settlements . . . . present salaries need to be increased . . . . *but not a dollar for increase is available.*

"Educational Institutions—Some of the children in our institutions have been living on 34 cents per day for food. This is not adequate. We must raise this to 40 cents. Our kindergarten program is expanding in Puerto Rico and we hope our George O. Robinson School will soon be opened . . . . we must increase our budget for this work . . . . *but not a dollar for increase is available.*

"Korea—Japan—Philippines—When I think of the needs of our Christian leaders in these fields . . . . of the brave defenders of the Christian faith in all these lands and realize that some of them have sold their homes in order to keep the work going, I scarcely know how to ask for the advances that will be necessary in this work. We do not know about the amount of destruction that has taken place . . . . nor the amount of money that will be necessary to bring new missionaries into this situation . . . . *but not a dollar for increase is available.*

"Rural Work—The importance of the rural area is recognized anew . . . . we need new workers, new buildings, additional new work . . . . *but not a dollar for increase is available.*

"Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities—Problems of postwar planning confront us on every hand and affect our studies in areas of local church, economic relations, liquor control, minority groups, Christian family, and world peace. Need more effective conferences with leaders and vital promotion. Need additional funds for these studies . . . . *but not a dollar for increase is available."*

"NOT A DOLLAR FOR INCREASE . . . . UNLESS"

Unless you will the increase! We need a spontaneous rising up of Methodist women in every Woman's Society of Christian Service who are determined to meet the need of a new day—who are determined to "Sing the Lord's Song" in a better way—a more adequate way. January is PLEDGE MONTH in our Woman's Societies of Christian Service. We have a slogan for the sale of war bonds—"Back the Attack!" We need a slogan in this important work of the Kingdom that will make BACK THE ATTACK FOREVER UNNECESSARY. We ask that every Methodist woman sign her pledge for the new year in prayer—perhaps this prayer:

I HOLD THE POWER OF MISSIONARIES TO SING THE SONG IN MY HANDS . . . . I WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO SING . . . . I MAKE THIS INCREASE IN MY PLEDGE IN NEW DEDICATION! I SING!

In Memoriam

As we go to press we hear of the passing of *Mrs. J. Ralph Magee,* wife of Bishop Magee, of the Des Moines Area, on October 31, after several months of illness. She has been giving outstanding leadership in the women's work of the church, and has been generous in sharing her talents of writing and music. Mrs. Magee was a former president of the Minneapolis Branch, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, when Bishop Magee was the resident Bishop of the St. Paul Area.

Mrs. George W. Isham died at the home of her daughter, Dr. Anna Robinson, 11161 Longwood Drive, Chicago, Ill., Saturday, October 23. Mrs. Isham was for many years a leader in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was an able writer whose pen was dedicated to the cause of missions. Her crowning work was the history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, *Valorous Ventures,* completed just before the unification of Methodism.

As a young woman, Mrs. Isham with her husband served several years as a missionary in India.

Defense Worker

Miss Harriet Seibert

MISS HARRIET SEIBERT, of New York, N. Y., has been added to the staff of defense workers, to act as a sort of link between the churches of Daytona Beach and the thousands of Women's Army Corps members who are in camp there.

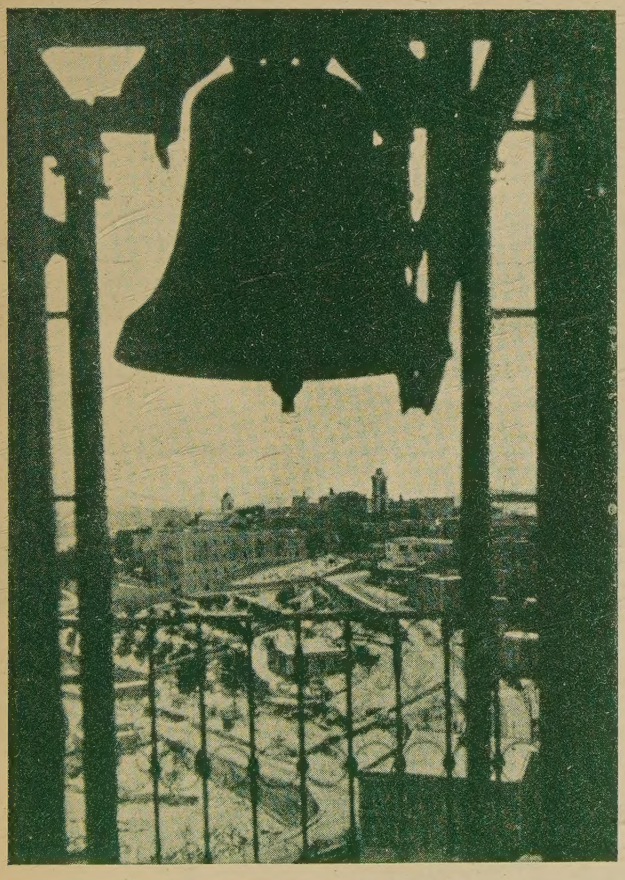
Miss Seibert has been a director of religious education in Christ Church of this city. She is a graduate of Barnard College, with a Master's degree in religious education from Columbia University. She has had many years of experience working in the local church, both with woman's societies and young people's groups.

"The City of David, ... Bethlehem"

By Rev. Harriet-Louise H. Patterson

CROWNING two rocky hills of the central or Judean range of mountains is Christian Bethlehem, five miles south of Jerusalem. Small and unspoilt, neat and substantial, Bethlehem is a lovely old city, well situated for defense and in a fertile region. White, flat-roofed houses, nestling close together, creep up her hillside. Great gray buildings, comprising her churches, crown her eastern hill. Her terraces of silvery olive trees, thick-set fig trees, and crimson-embroidered pomegranates fall away into the distance toward the Dead Sea. More hills and bell towers, above which shine the gold crosses of convents, orphanages, and monasteries.

As in the days of Boaz and David, many villagers are thrifty farmers and shepherds, but some are engaged now in the manufacture and sale of souvenirs. Dozens of tiny shops line her narrow, clean, cobblestone streets offering beautiful handwrought products of olivewood and mother-of-pearl, and colorful embroideries. Bethlehem is a beehive of industry.



"Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem"

A flood of memories comes over a Christian as he stands at her threshold, at the base of the steep hill road which winds past her boxlike stone houses with their crude white-painted crosses up to that "little town of Bethlehem." Here Ruth gleaned grain in a field belonging to Boaz; here David lived and, as a shepherd boy, tended and defended his father's flocks on the same hillsides; David's men, who loved him, broke through the ranks of their enemies to bring him water from the well here; Samuel came to Bethlehem to anoint David king; and here Christ was born. It is this latter event which brings visitors from the ends of the earth to Bethlehem, and which fills their thought while they are here.

"Earth has many a noble city;
Bethlehem, thou dost all excell:
Out of thee the Lord from heaven
Came to rule his Israel."

To Mary and Joseph journeying wearily toward Bethlehem, when they saw the city in the distance sitting tranquilly upon her hills, she seemed to promise them a haven in a confusing and troublesome time. Since the night when Jesus was born there, Bethlehem more than before has been a promise of a haven for confused and weary humanity.

Bethlehem means the birthplace of Christ and Christ means a new birth, a new way, a new life. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." That it may be so, "let us *now* go even unto Bethlehem"!

"It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place.
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The homes of folks like me and you."

From poem, "How Far to Bethlehem?"
Madeleine Sweeny Miller.

PRAYER:

We bow before thee, Lord, to give thee thanks for Bethlehem. Prepare thou the way in us now that the birthplace of Christ, today and every day, may become the birthplace of a new hope for us, new joy, new life, new victories. In the name of Him who calls, "Come ye to Bethlehem." Amen.

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SOCIAL WELFARE

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Residence homes for business girls crowded. Urgent need for new residence home for Negro girls in Los Angeles. San Diego home almost bursting its walls due to crowded condition. Fire at Friendship Home, Cincinnati, Ohio, burned roof. Building insured. Destroyed supplies and clothing of girls which were not insured. Harriet Seibert has started her work at Daytona Beach, Florida, among Woman's Auxiliary Corp. Well received.

Miriam V. Ristine, Executive Secretary

INDIA

Plans, co-education, Bidar School completed. Salary Indian principal greatly needed. Survey village education North India reveals Christian community eighty four thousand, four thousand children in school. Provision added relief subsidy tremendously appreciated. Pakaur hospital forced to receive starving mothers and babies besides crowded dispensary. Doctor must have house.

Mrs. Otis Moore, Executive Secretary

CITY SETTLEMENTS

Defense community needs urgent. Please make possible some new money to meet need. All city settlements crowded to capacity. Increased salaries needed for workers. More missionaries and kindergartens needed.

Mary Lou Barnwell, Executive Secretary

MEDICAL WORK

Best news of month: two nurses leaving for Nome, Alaska, November 1, preventing possible tragic closing Maynard-Columbus Hospital. Student nurses Sibley Hospital, Washington, now wearing U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps uniforms. Hospital International, Santo Domingo, facilities heavily taxed by Allied Nations casualities and visiting Americans.

Mrs. Robert Stewart, Secretary

CHINA AFRICA

China-Cable states that beginning October 1, 1943, $8.00 per day necessary as minimum living expenses for each missionary. Additional income necessary for sixty missionaries of Woman's Division of Christian Service in China is $345.00 per day.

Africa-Letter from Bishop Springer states that 3 nurses needed for Gikuki to take care of: dispensary, 300 daily attendants; prenatal clinic, 100 to 150 mothers attending weekly; orphanage, 26 to 40 children; medical care and instruction Girls' School

Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Executive Secretary

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LATIN AMERICA

Mexico-Industrial School hostel overflows with 101 girls. New Deaconess School opened. Cuba-Government orders minimum salaries of teachers increased by 20%. Increased appropriations needed to meet this requirement. Brazil-Mary Sue Brown elected to State Committee to plan construction of government schools for State of Rio Grande do Sul. Official permits granted by Ministry of Justice for Gladys Oberlin and Ruth McKinney to enter the country. Uruguay-Bernice Brand of California appointed for 3-year service as commercial teacher in Crandon Institute.

Elizabeth Lee, Executive Secretary

DEACONESS WORK

Religious education directors and parish workers needed in churches from California to Maine. Kindergarten and nursery school teachers, club workers needed in community houses from Washington State to New Jersey. Impossible for specialized workers under Woman's Division of Christian Service to reach all congested defense areas which are calling for deaconesses.

Grace G. Steiner, Executive Secretary

PHILIPPINES JAPAN

Following cable from Manila via International Red Cross received October 25, 1943:
ALL WELL INFORM FAMILIES - ERNEST TUCK
Church union in Japan is being strengthened.. We rejoice in this.

Mrs. Velma H. Maynor, Executive Secretary

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Rev. and Mrs. Linn Pauahty announce splendid plans for Ponca Mission. New farm buildings for Crossville, Tennessee, insure better training for rural workers. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Robstown, Texas, is providing for their newest citizens a kindergarten, playground, home visitation, and church opportunities.

Mrs. J. W. Downs, Executive Secretary

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Schools opened with closed doors. Mr. Deschner, superintendent Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas, reports largest enrollment in years. Turned away 100 Mexican young people. Applicants offered to bring beds but classrooms, diningrooms crowded. Need for home protection and educational opportunity filled other high schools to capacity.

Muriel Day, Executive Secretary

The Crusade for a New World Order

Led by the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church

In February, 1943, the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church met in Washington, D. C., and spent a week there in conferences and interviews with leaders of the government concerning plans for the postwar world. The bishops were especially interested in discovering what the religious forces of the country might do to secure a peace that would endure and insure a Christian social order throughout the world.

The bishops met the President, the members of the Cabinet, President Quezon of the Philippines, Madame Chiang Kai-shek of China, and other important leaders.

The bishops learned from these interviews, and from their own deliberations, that much consideration is being given to the problems of the coming peace and the postwar world. Many plans are being devised and offered. Unanimity has not been reached on any plan. Many influential figures favor close collaboration of our country with other nations and such international organization as may be necessary to insure peace and establish justice. Other figures and forces oppose such collaboration, holding that the United States should adopt a policy of isolationism and refuse to take any heavy responsibility in the reconstruction of the world. The bishops found that the leaders are gravely concerned, and that the decision will be determined by public opinion. Some were of the opinion that the decision is likely to be so close that the influence of the membership of The Methodist Church exerted in favor of international collaboration and a Christian peace at the place decision is made, before it is made, might be decisive.

Thus originated the Crusade for a New World Order. The bishops decided that The Methodist Church should exert its influence on behalf of a Christian peace and a Christian world. The Council appointed a commission of twelve bishops to draft plans, and the recommendations of this commission were later approved by the Council.

General Nature

The Crusade for a New World Order is a movement within The Methodist Church which seeks (1) to develop, clarify, and mobilize the sentiment of all the members of the church in favor of a righteous and lasting peace and a Christian world, and against those attitudes and movements which are contrary thereto, and (2) to bring that great body of sentiment and influence to bear *at the place* the decisions regarding the peace are to be made and *before* the decisions are made.

The Christian forces must not wait until decisions are made and then protest if these decisions are not Christian.

The Crusade was inaugurated and is led by the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church. The general boards, commissions, and other agencies of the church are co-operating and have important parts to play. In general, the methods of the Crusade will involve the distribution of appropriate literature, about eighty inspirational meetings in as many cities, and a follow-up movement through the conferences, districts, and churches which will include study of the subject in church schools and study groups and a home visitation which will carry the message of the Crusade into every Methodist household.

In connection with this follow-up the people will be asked to write personal letters to any and all persons who may have a hand in shaping the peace, expressing their sentiments against a narrow and selfish isolationism and in favor of a never-ending peace and the Christianization of the world.

The whole will culminate in a Day of Consecration, Sunday, March 26, 1944, during which the people will dedicate themselves anew to the principles of the Prince of Peace and the continued evangelization of the world.

What the Crusade Is Not

1. The Crusade is *not* a financial campaign. No money will be asked of the churches except free-will plate offerings in large meetings.

2. The Crusade is *not* a political movement. It endorses no party, supports no candidate. It will not overstep the line between Church and State. It will not organize a pressure group. A large group of Christian citizens trust the general plans and specific measures may express the Christian principles upon which we believe permanent peace rests.

3. The Crusade is *not* a movement to propagandize for a definite peace plan. It has no such plan. It recognizes that the making of the peace is the function of other duly-constituted powers. It

is concerned only with principles which are a part of the body of Christian faith and practice, and expresses the hope that those principles will constitute the basis of the peace.

The Inspirational Meetings

City	Date	To Present Objectives Woman's Society of Christian Service
Albany, N. Y.	January 13	Mrs. H. E. Woolever
Amarillo, Tex.	January 19	Mrs. V. F. DeVinny and Mrs. J. D. Bragg
Ann Arbor, Mich.	January 19	Mrs. Clarence D. Laylin
Atlanta, Ga. (C)	January 18	Mrs. E. L. Hillman
Bangor, Me.	January 10	Mrs. H. E. Woolever
Birmingham, Ala.	January 18	Mrs. Homer Tatum
Bismarck, N. D.	January 28	Miss Muriel Day
Boise, Idaho	January 17	Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
Bristol, Tenn.	January 11	Mrs. E. L. Hillman
Buffalo, N. Y.	January 14	Mrs. J. D. Bragg
Charleston, W. Va.	January 28	Mrs. A. C. Johnson
Charlotte, N. C.	January 11	Mrs. W. M. Alexander
Chicago, Ill.	January 20	Miss Mary Lou Barnwell
Cincinnati, Ohio	January 18	Mrs. Foss Zartman
Cleveland, Ohio	January 21	Mrs. Foss Zartman
Columbus, Ohio	January 19	Mrs. Foss Zartman
Dallas, Tex.	January 20	Mrs. V. F. DeVinny and Mrs. J. D. Bragg
Denver, Colo.	January 28	Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
Des Moines, Iowa	January 19	Miss Mary Lou Barnwell
Elmira, N. Y.	January 10	Mrs. J. D. Bragg
El Paso, Tex.	January 18	Mrs. V. F. DeVinny and Mrs. J. D. Bragg
Erie, Pa.	January 24	Mrs. J. D. Bragg
Evansville, Ind.	January 14	Miss Elizabeth Lee
Fort Worth, Tex.	January 21	Mrs. J. D. Bragg
Fresno, Calif.	January 17	Mrs. Clyde Collison
Helena, Mont.	January 24	Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
Houston, Tex.	January 25	Mrs. V. F. DeVinny
Indianapolis, Ind.	January 12	Miss Elizabeth Lee
Jackson, Miss.	January 19	Mrs. Homer Tatum
Kalamazoo, Mich.	January 20	Mrs. Clarence D. Laylin
Kansas City, Mo.	January 11	Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.
Knoxville, Tenn.	January 12	Mrs. E. L. Hillman
LaCross, Wis.	January 24	Miss Muriel Day
Lexington, Ky.	January 26	Mrs. A. C. Johnson
Lincoln, Neb.	January 10	Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.
Little Rock, Ark.	January 17	Miss Elizabeth Lee
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New York, N. Y.	January 12	Mrs. H. E. Woolever
Oklahoma City, Okla.	January 18	Miss Elizabeth Lee
Orlando, Fla.	January 21	Mrs. E. L. Hillman
Oxford, Miss.	January 21	Mrs. Homer Tatum
Philadelphia, Pa.	January 19	Mrs. H. E. Woolever
Phoenix, Ariz.	January 10	Mrs. Clyde Collison
Pittsburgh, Pa.	January 26	Mrs. J. D. Bragg
Portland, Ore.	January 19	Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
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Wichita, Kan.	January 14	Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.
Winston Salem, N. C.	January 13	Mrs. W. M. Alexander
Worcester, Mass.	January 11	Mrs. H. E. Woolever

(C) indicates a meeting of the Central Jurisdiction.

Special Features of the Program

Plans and methods of achieving the Crusade objectives will be presented and discussed. The objectives for the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be presented by the women named under section, "The Inspirational Meetings."

The closing session of the afternoon program will be a dramatic spiritual dedication, as a part of which, to the accompaniment of prayer and music, each person present will be asked to write a card to some person in the armed forces of the country, pledging devotion at home to the cause for which the recipient is fighting in the field. The card, which will be written on the spot, will bear a picture of the Crusade painting, "The Coming Peace and the Prince of Peace," by the famous artist, Howard Chandler Christy.

The youth of the church are especially invited to participate in the evening meetings.

Follow-Up House-to-House Visitation

This is one of the most important features of the Crusade. Its purpose is to carry the message of the Crusade to every Methodist home in every Methodist parish. It will be directed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Board of Lay Activities. These organizations will function through the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the charge lay leader in each parish in co-operation with the pastor.

On Sunday, January 30, 1944, every Methodist minister will be requested to preach on "The Crusade for a New World Order."

Prior to January 30, the pastor, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and charge lay leader will have received detailed instructions concerning the visitation. These instructions will be mailed January 1. They will recommend that the laymen and women organize the visitation so that the visitors will go out two by two to call upon the membership of the church, beginning Sunday afternoon, January 30, and continuing through the week and including Sunday, February 6.

Cooperating Boards and Commissions

The Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church

The Board of Education of The Methodist Church

The Woman's Society of Christian Service

The Board of Lay Activities

The Commission on World Peace

The Methodist Publishing House

The Commission on Evangelism

The Commission on Public Information

The Methodist Youth Fellowship

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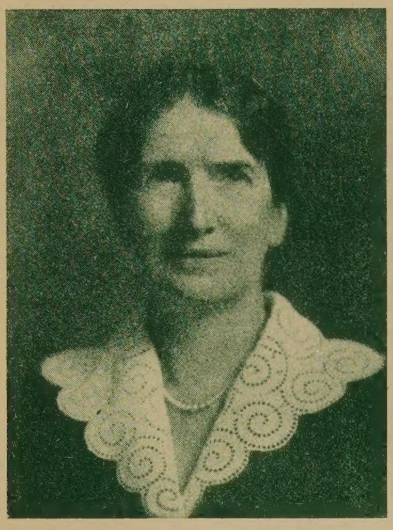
Nothing for Them to Read

By Margaret H. Brown



Miss Margaret H. Brown

"When they do learn a thousand characters, there is nothing for them to read!" These were the words which started me on a new venture in Christian literature for China.

It was December 1929. I had recently joined the staff of the Christian Literature Society in Shanghai and was still trying to discover where my special contribution could best be made. By chance (or was it Providence?) I represented the Society at a committee meeting of the National Christian Council of China. The Rev. Z. K. Kia was the official delegate but he had to officiate at a funeral that afternoon and invited me to substitute for him.

The committee was planning the Five Year Forward Movement and at that session the topic was "How to make the church literate." A splendid array of Chinese and western leaders were gathered around that table. There is not space to tell much of what went on that day. After discussion and speeches, I said to myself, "Why not prepare a primer yourself? You went in and out of Chinese homes for thirteen years. Surely you can do it." This idea was revolutionary. It had never even occurred to me that I could do more than translate other people's work. I felt the thrill of a new adventure. But what, I asked, would interest a newly literate Chinese woman? What did Chinese women talk of throughout the day? With devastating clearness I saw the answer. Why, of course, a Chinese woman is interested in her home, her children, their food and clothes and all the problems of daily life. In fact, just what interests any woman in any country, only the background and problems are different.

This discovery was so exciting I could not sleep. I must write at once while inspiration lasted. So at fever heat I began what I intended to be a primer for women. It took the form of leaves from a diary. I called it *Mrs. Wang's Diary*. In short lessons a simple country woman tells how, with the help of her husband, she became a Christian and learned to read a thousand characters. All is told against the background of everyday life in a country home.

One of my first discoveries was that the thousand characters lacked many of the ordinary words a woman used. *Needle, stove*—these words just weren't there. Of course, thought I, this list was selected from those most frequently appearing in newspapers. They were selected by men for men —Chinese laborers in France in the first world war. If only I could select my own list! This optimism was fated to disappear with my later experiments.

With production complete I had still to wrestle with the problem of publication. I insisted on three things. The book must be attractive so the women would want to read it. It must be short so the semi-literate women could finish it. It must be cheap so they could buy it. And I had the Publications Committee to convince!

When the first copies came from the press I sent a complimentary one to Mabel Nowlin, asking for honest criticism. It came back promptly. "It is splendid. I gave it to one of our Bible women to read and she said, 'It might be me.' There is plenty of material for several lessons in a religious-education course. The Diary lends itself to continuation. When you write the second book, bring it to more of a climax like a story."

This was wonderful encouragement. More followed from Mrs. Barbour of the Religious Education Department of Yenching University. The book became a best seller. Others began preparing material for child training classes in a similar style.

Then a new idea came to me. Besides continuing *Mrs. Wang's Diary*, why not prepare a magazine which would go to the women every month and bring them regularly fresh color, inspiration, and help? Thus was *The Woman's Star* conceived. The first copy was in press in January 1932 when the Japanese guns began to destroy that great city of Shanghai. It seemed as though my new project was to be stillborn.

But the guns ceased fire at the end of five weeks and the first copy came from the press. I sent it to Mabel Nowlin for criticism. Again she was helpful. "The magazine is far too difficult even

though you use only a thousand characters. Many women will never learn more than four or five hundred. Write an article each month using a vocabulary of only two or three hundred words."

This was staggering. It cramped one's style. True, I could write one short simple article with only five hundred characters. But change your topic each month! Hopeless, I decided. But I began to experiment. How many characters (words) would a simple country woman use or understand when someone else used them in everyday life? I called in Chinese help and was amazed to find it could not be less than five thousand. How could a busy mother memorize five thousand or more difficult and intricate characters? Yet had they not a right to an abundant life? China's literacy problem loomed insoluble.

But no. There was the phonetic script with its alphabet of thirty-seven characters. Something of this kind must be used if China was to become literate and regain the leadership which once she possessed as the most highly civilized of the nations. In my conceit over having mastered the writing of the Chinese script I had despised this simplified written language. Chinese characters were so artistic and so much a part of China that almost it seemed her life was wrapped up in them. They must be kept at all costs.

But the more I labored selecting a suitable list of words for women, the more I realized that the solution of China's literacy problem must lie in something other than her ideographs. Beautiful as the characters are, they must not retard China's development, for as a recent writer remarks, they are a branch of art and not a means of communication. The common people of China must be given their chance. They must be enabled to write everything they speak and must not have their thoughts confined within the limits of a thousand or more characters.

But I found that even the church was not willing to accept the phonetic although they professed to keep a literate church as their objective. So *The Woman's Star* continued to put its articles and stories into the limited vocabulary. But it also opened the door wider to help those who were working with the phonetic script. Every month it published at least four pages in a normal vocabulary. But parallel with the ideographs the phonetic was printed in double columns and thus the magazine served all groups. War stimulated interest in literacy. Every refugee camp had classes and some tried out the phonetics. The magazine's circulation grew rapidly, especially in the occupied areas of China, but on December 8, 1943—Pearl Harbor Day—Japanese troops poured over the bridge into Shanghai's international settlement and all publication ceased.

The Woman's Star was our answer in China to the cry of "Nothing for them to read." It is fitting that it should be one of the earliest, if not indeed the first, magazine in the world specially prepared for semi-literate peoples, for no other nation on earth has placed so high a value on the printed word. We hope soon to resume publication of the magazine in Free China.

Happy Childhood is read and loved by children in China. These magazines are partly supported by your World Day of Prayer Gifts which are channeled through Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields

The First Christmas in America

By Wallace Heistad

English and citizenship class groups enjoying refreshments at their Christmas party. Most of this group came in years past from Russia

Christmas pageant at Marcy Center. The characters, most of them Jewish, are neighborhood boys and girls

All the events leading to Christmas at Marcy Center, Chicago, Illinois, went off beautifully. The parties for each group were most successful. The older folks of the English classes and the missionary society, as well as the little tots, were happy and responded beautifully to the Christmas spirit and the Christmas story. Each year the older folks were eager to hear Miss Anna Heistad come to them with her teaching about Christmas and Christ.

Again, as in the past, the children in one of their parties were hosts to the Negro children of another Chicago community. It is a real source of joy to us to observe the natural, whole-hearted response of these children to each other. No feeling or expression of difference is evident as these children got together to share the joy of Christmas.

The girls of the junior choir greatly enjoyed going through the neighborhood, singing Christmas carols. Except for these Jewish girls from Marcy Center, many in the community would not hear the beautiful Christmas music. The response has been very fine.

Each year the high light of the Christmas season at Marcy Center is the Christmas pageant. Through the years lovely costumes and stage settings have been acquired, which help make the pageant outstanding. This year the large gymnasium was well filled by community people and friends from all parts of the city who have learned to look upon the pageant as a Marcy tradition. After the pageant Miss Heistad was most happy, since many of the people came to her saying that this year's pageant was the loveliest in Marcy's history. Nothing could have pleased her more than this response. The attentiveness of the large audience gave evidence to the fact that the significance of the prophecies and the Christmas story had reached many minds and hearts.

The refugee party followed the pageant and was a happy fellowship of people who had found a haven of peace and security in America. After having gone through the horrors of life in Middle Europe, Christmas in America meant much to them; though they were nevertheless saddened by the realization that their friends and relatives, whom they had left behind, could not celebrate in a like manner.

In the days preceding Christmas, as Miss Heistad and the rest of the staff were busily engaged in Christmas activities, she often came to me saying, "The Lord has been good to us this Christmas." Truly, he had in every way. Materials and funds had come in generously from friends everywhere, which made it possible to carry on the large, beautiful, effective Christmas program.

Then, the day after Christmas, as you know, Miss Heistad was suddenly called home to be with her Lord and Master to whom she dedicated her long life of devoted Christian service. It was most fitting that even while her funeral was being conducted from the Marcy Chapel, the Christmas trees were up with the lights on, and wreaths decorated the windows of the Marcy building. Her joy of Christmas was now consumated in joy divine—the Joy of Home-going.

Christmas for Some of "His Own"

By Caroline A. Porter

Dear Santa Claus:

Thank you for the set of dishes you brought me last Christmas. Will you please bring me a baby doll with lots of clothes. If you can't bring both, please bring me the clothes. Thank you.

MARIA SALGADO.

THIS is a sample of the letters written by the girls and boys of Homer Toberman Settlement and Clinic, San Pedro, California, to Santa Claus. The writing and answering of Santa Claus letters played a big part in the Christmas celebration at the Settlement with its many national groups. As early as October they began making their requests for something they wanted very much, but it must not be "too big, as Santa Claus wants to remember all the boys and girls at the Settlement, but he can't if you ask for big things." These letters were made available to the women at board meetings, and individuals and groups through the mail. One church-school intermediate group, in this note from the counselor, attests to the joy received in serving:

The boys and girls in our intermediate department wish to thank you for allowing them to have a part in Christmas at the Toberman Settlement House. Besides the contributions of money, many had a share in dressing the dolls, buying the gifts, or helping to wrap them, and I can assure you that many good wishes are coming along with these presents.

At the December board meeting most of the "answers," tastefully wrapped and tagged, were brought in ready to be given to the children at the Christmas parties by Santa. It was explained that Santa is a spirit of love and good will throughout the world; that he likes to make people happy and that he has many helpers to assist him in this, and that they love to do it on Jesus' birthday because he was the first great gift at Christmas time.

During December all of the groups center their interests on Christmas activities. One group made decorations of white angels with yellow wings guarding the Christmas trees which were stuck on the walls, while another made gifts for mother. The Girl Reserves prepared scrapbooks for service men. The singing of Christmas carols, the Christmas story, and Christmas customs in other lands, et cetera, made up the programs.

Christmas Among the Navajos

By Dr. D. C. Burd

CHRISTMAS on the reservation means interesting, delightful days. With Mr. J. C. Morgan we conducted two reservation programs in 1942. The first was on Wednesday, December 23, at the Burnhams' Day School. While there has been little school at this point this year because of the lack of transportation, the Christmas attendance was not diminished. People walked, came on horseback, or in the customary wagon and team of the Navajos. Some 125 men, women, and children packed themselves into the small schoolroom. Seating facilities do not worry the missionary on the reservation, the only limitation being space, for many of the Navajos prefer to sit on the floor rather than a chair or bench. It is a common sight to see some old lady slip from the bench or chair and take a more comfortable position (for her) on the floor.

When we arrived at Burnhams the room had been decorated and the tree trimmed by the school kiddies, although we had taken a tree with us because we were uncertain that they would have one. Preparations were under way for the community dinner which was to follow the Christmas exercises.

Fortunately we had taken enough gifts so that everyone was made happy with some little remembrance. How I wish you could have seen the pleased faces of the recipients! I am sure you would have been glad to have had a part in this Christmas festivity.

There was unusual attention given to the Christmas message.

Following the program and distribution of gifts, the dinner was served in true Navajo style. Small family groups sat outside on the ground with their plates of food and steaming coffee.

The day following we went to the Fruitland Day School with a similar procedure except the dinner. Again there were some 125 people of all ages in attendance.

In all, then, some 250 children and parents were made happy, and we wish everyone who had any part in making these services possible might have seen the expression of pleasure on the faces of the Navajo people. But, better still, we hope and pray that they came to understand better what Christ really means to the Navajo as well as to the rest of mankind.

From Daylight to Nightlight*

By Mabel Ruth Nowlin

China has no desire to replace Western imperialism in Asia with an Oriental imperialism of its own or of anyone else. We hold that we must advance from the narrow idea of exclusive alliances and regional blocs which in the end make for bigger and more terrible wars, to effective organization of world unity. Unless real world co-operation replaces both isolationism and imperialism of whatever form in the new interdependent world of free nations, there will be no lasting security for any of us.

—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

RECENTLY I attended the meeting of welcome to Madame Chiang, sponsored by eighty-four organizations of Chungking, of whom the National Christian Council and churches were actively co-operating groups. I wondered how many of you had a chance to see her and hear her, at least over the radio. Her beautifully modulated voice is now perhaps as familiar to you as it is to me. Do write me about your impressions of her. I think old Confucius, who relegated women too far behind the back seat ever to be seen, must have turned over in his grave at the fact that the first Chinese ever invited to speak in the United States Senate was a *Christian Chinese woman.* The strong Christian testimony in her ideas and tone of her speeches reminds one of those words spoken to Esther in ancient Hebrew days, "Who knoweth if thou art not come into the kingdom for such a time as this."

We women were specially interested in her new coiffure acquired in the U. S. A., with a roll curl high on the right side of her head! She looked very thin, and they say she still has trouble with neuritis. But she is at her office every morning at eight. An exhibit of the press photos and mementoes of her trip was given as a benefit for Friends of the Wounded Soldiers, with tickets at $50 each, and crowds attended so they had to extend it a day. We were much interested in the photographic reproduction of her Honorary Patron Certificate from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, with signatures of Mrs. J. D. Bragg and Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton on it.

The nurses of our Guilds should know that at present there are four Chinese nurses who have been given the rank of *colonel.* They direct the military nursing activities. Isn't it true that the highest rank given any of our American military nurses is major? This, too, is like China—when they swing from the old conservative attitudes about women, they are often even more generous than Western men in according well-qualified Chinese women rank and position. An illustration is that of President Wu, of Ginling College, who is one of the five presiding officers of People's Political Council.

She is in the United States for a year, presenting the cause of China. I hope as many of our girls may hear her as possible. She is the chairman of the National Christian Council, and I have worked very closely with her these five years. Next to Madame Chiang she is the most active woman in national life in China. She, too, is a delicate, slender little person, who carries a heavy load of responsibility with quiet success and poise.

You know, at the Madras Missionary Conference, she was the only woman of all the countries of the world who was chairman of a Discussion Section. They said hers was one of the best, too. She has been so courageous during these war years. The Japanese have stripped bare the lovely buildings of Ginling College in Nanking, and sold their fine library by the pound for fuel! But the faculty and students who trekked here to the west in 1938, have gone right on amid refugee surroundings, with dauntless spirit.

The newly organized Christian Professional Women's Fellowship met with me the other evening. They are a counterpart of the Wesleyan Service Guild—a group of "high-powered" Christian professional women, some working with Madame Chiang in the Warphanage and other administrative offices of Woman's Advisory Committee of the New Life Movement, two are doctors, two superintendents of nursing education, two are secretaries of the Young Women's Christian Association. About half of them have had graduate study in America, and one of them had her college work at Oxford. They are all graduates of Christian girls' high schools and speak well for what mission schools can produce. Madame Chiang tries to staff all her work with Christian women if she can, but the supply is too limited to meet the demand. And that's another indication of the need for Christian education in China, to produce the kind of Christian-trained leadership the nation needs.

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*From letters to the Wesleyan Service Guild, by Mabel Ruth Nowlin, Executive Secretary of the National Christian Council of China.

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Suggested Methods for Achieving Goals, 1944

as outlined on poster (see center spread, next page)

GOAL I—Spiritual Life

Methods for Achieving Goal I

One's prayer life can best be deepened by the habitual observance of a "quiet time" each day, in keeping with the circumstances of each individual. The study of the Bible and other devotional literature is most essential. As Christian stewards there is a responsibility for the total commitment of life, one's time, talents, and possessions. All of these must be dedicated to God for service in the church, the community, and around the world.

GOAL II—Visitation

Methods for Achieving Goal II

I. An important feature of the Crusade for a New World Order is the Visitation Campaign to follow the mass meetings to be held in each Episcopal Area in January. This visitation will be the responsibility of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service and the laymen of the church, under the direction of the pastor.

Well in advance of the Week of Visitation, the president of the society should explain the plan to the members and secure their co-operation in carrying it out. Participation in this visitation will count on Goal II.

II. A systematic visitation plan throughout the year is necessary in order to secure new members. There are women in every church who can be reached through friendly cultivation. A card file of names of women in your church who are not members should be prepared and other names added as new members either join the church or come into the community. The Membership Committee should plan for one or more "Visitation Days" each month. Include in this visitation not only prospective members but shut-ins and elderly people who need comfort and cheer. Visitors can make their calls more effective by presenting a sample copy of the WORLD OUTLOOK or THE METHODIST WOMAN, or an interesting leaflet. This is a good way to use the magazines after the subscriber has finished reading hers. A fellowship tea in honor of new members should be held at least once during the year.

GOAL III—Education

Methods for Achieving Goal III

"Ours the Thought," prompting the will, the faith, the gifts, the work. By means of the education and action program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, our *thoughts* may become God's thoughts, prompting the *gift* of self in *service,* obeying his *will,* with triumphant *faith* as we sing:

Bless Thou our thoughts as they ascend
To Thee in gratitude and praise
For studious minds that seek an end
In service done in all Thy ways!

The most effective means by which this goal may be achieved is through complete co-operation of the study committee and the program committee, beginning well before the close of the year to plan the educational work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. They survey the situation thoroughly and work out a year's program of education and action. Plans, materials, and methods provided by the Woman's Division should be studied and adapted to wisest use by these two committees, working together in each society in a local church.

GOAL IV—Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

Methods for Achieving Goal IV

Every local society should have a Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities with the secretary of this area of work serving as chairman. The committee should meet regularly and plan and promote at least one specific activity each quarter. Such activities may be beautification projects for the local church or parsonage, church recreation and fellowship features, community co-operative enterprises, promotion of specific legislation, or other activities suggested by local church and community needs.

The committee should promote studies in line with the total study program of the society, giving special emphasis *also to informal studies,* such as those suggested by pamphlets prepared by the Department, or some similar study. The term "study" in some cases may be simply a study of some specific community problem or need followed by activity to meet the need. Every study to be effective must stimulate constructive practical activity *and* build Christian attitudes in the church and community.

GOAL V—To live is to give

Methods for Achieving Goal V

It is fundamentally true that we want to bestow something tangible on the object of our love. A very simple way to measure devotion is in the sacrifice made in making these gifts possible. In these days of many demands, the one supreme demand may be pushed

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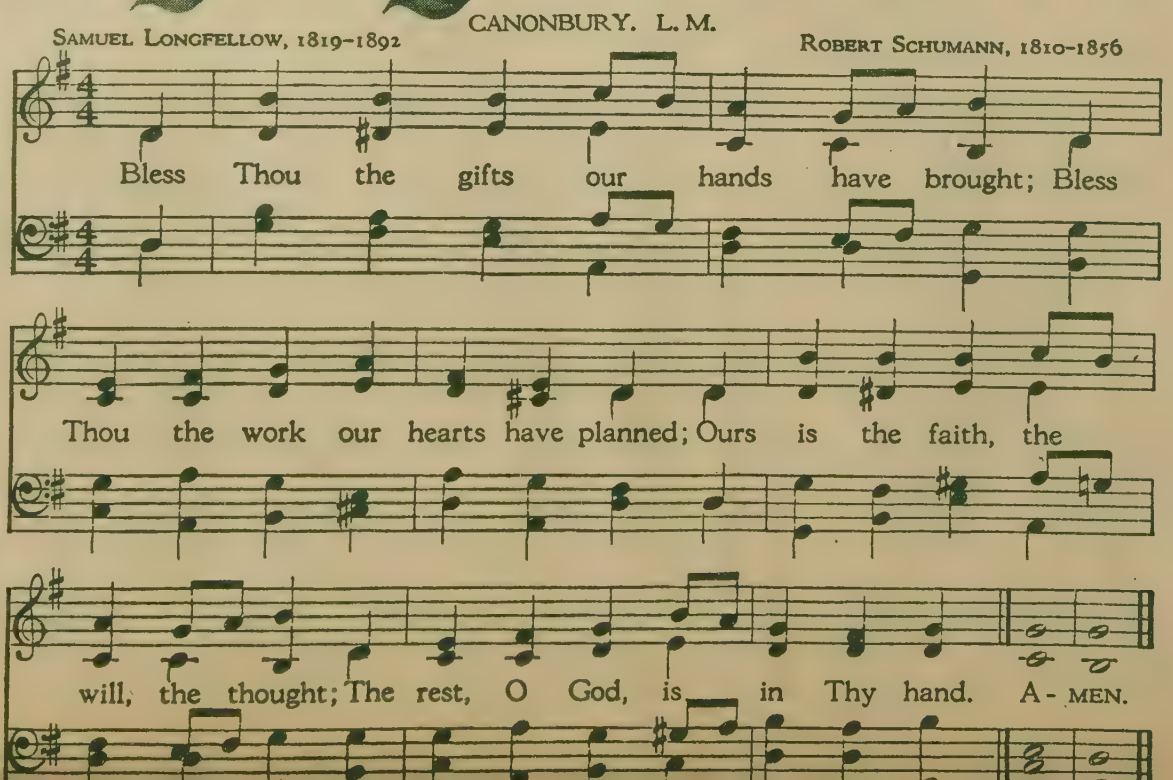
SAMUEL LONGFELLOW, 1819–1892
CANONBURY. L. M.
ROBERT SCHUMANN, 1810–1856
Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought; Bless
Thou the work our hearts have planned; Ours is the faith, the
will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Thy hand. A - MEN.

GOAL I—Spiritual Life

To quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women; to deepen the prayer life, and to increase the sense of responsibility for personal service and giving.

GOAL II—Visitation

Co-operation in the Crusade for a New World Order Visitation plan; also, Visitation throughout the year in an effort to enlist new members.

GOAL III—Education

Effective presentation of monthly programs, increased use of *World Outlook*, *The Methodist Woman*, and other literature, and continued increases in approved study courses each year till the goal of four a year is reached.

GOAL IV—Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

A Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities responsible for promoting activities growing out of the society's studies.

GOAL V—To live is to give

The only way we can express our love to God is by our service and our gifts.

The least we can give is a tithe. The giving of the tithe solves all our giving problems.

GOAL VI—To promote the missionary education of:

Students—Correlate plans with pastors and student directors to undergird the total Methodist Student program; acquaint women students with the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Youth—Follow the unified plan including co-operation in the Joint Committee, and wherever possible an interest group of girls within the Commission on World Friendship.

Children—Take part in the activities of the Council of Children's Workers, including plans for missionary education in the Sunday morning and additional sessions of the church school.

GOAL VII—Supplies

Every society doing some Supply Work.

GOAL VIII—Reports

Send quarterly reports by the fifth of April, July, October, and the fourth quarterly and annual reports by January fifth, to the corresponding district officers.

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aside as we are busy about the nearer, more personal concerns. Surely we cannot fail our Lord. His word is, "Go ye"—and the only circle which shall be perfected is when we have gone around our world and the gift we sent returns to us—thus do we find our best returned to us in what we give.

Our government began by making the tithe the minimum tax. A love gift can never be a tax; that must be "as we have purposed," but can we do less? If the members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service accurately valued the tithe and paid into the organization a proportionate part of that amount, the needed increase would be met and the budget problems solved.

GOAL VI—To promote missionary education of Students, Youth, and Children.

Methods for Achieving Goal VI

Student Work: The secretary of Student Work has many opportunities to be of service to students. She is the liaison between the Woman's Society, the home church, or the church nearest the campus, and the student group. Wherever possible she correlates her work with the student directors and student leaders, and undergirds or introduces the program of the Methodist Student Movement.

To that end:

1. There should be a well-selected person to act as student secretary in every local church.
2. She should co-operate with the Board of Education in her church and with the Woman's Society to see that a student program is planned.
3. She should be a resource person to the Committee on Building a World Christian Community and Social Action, and a member of the Campus-Church Relations Committee. Help promote Fellow Colleges and Home Mission interests.
4. She should see that student groups have the available literature. (Obtain list from Division Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.)
5. She should also see that the fine possibilities of the Woman's Society are presented to student groups, with a possible group of student church women.

Youth Work: The World Friendship Commission has special responsibility for the cultivation of missionary education in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service functions within the Commission, sharing special responsibility in providing missionary education for youth. The place of the Woman's Society is implicit and there is provision in the unified plan for an Interest Group of Girls, within the Commission, to study the work and organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. To make this relationship meaningful:

1. Elect a secretary of Youth Work. (Duties are outined in the *Revised Guide,* pages 21-24.)

2. Co-operate with leaders and members of the Youth Division in organizing the Commission on World Friendship. (See the manual, "World Friendship for Youth" —No. 2006-H.)

3. Encourage the pastor to convene the Joint Committee. (See manual No. 2006-H, pages 17-18.)

4. Purchase for the girls the program packet, "Youth in a World of Opportunity." It provides material for an interest group through August, 1944. The society should seek every opportunity to share in the plans for the Interest Group by opening their homes, providing literature, and sharing speakers.

Children's Work: The program for the missionary education of children through co-operation with the church school involves, first of all, the election by the Woman's Society of a secretary of Children's Work. To fulfill the duties of her office, the secretary will:

1. Participate in the activities of the Council of Children's Workers in the local church. She is, by virtue of her office, a member of the Council.

2. Serve, when possible, as a regular teacher in the Sunday morning session of the church school, and as leader of additional sessions.

3. Keep the Woman's Society of Christian Service fully informed of the work with the children of the church, and point out ways in which the women can share in this work.

The free leaflet, "Opportunities for Secretaries of Children's Work," outlines the working basis and lists the needed materials for the secretary of Children's Work.

GOAL VII—Supplies

Methods for Achieving Goal VII

In this time of shortage of goods, of rationing and high prices, our institutions at home and abroad are depending more than ever on supplies. Why not have an "April shower" of supplies for a school or hospital? You may like to collect money for supplies in "rainy-day" or "sunshine bags." Have a summer Christmas tree, bringing supplies for Christmas boxes or give out tiny red Christmas stockings to be filled with cash for supplies. Booth festivals, birthday calendars, "Second Mile" banks into which pennies and nickels can be dropped—all these create interest.

GOAL VIII—Reports

Methods for Achieving Goal VIII

A society may be doing good work but the failure to report it leaves the district, conference, and division officers "in the dark" and eventually clogs the organization processes of efficiency. At the executive meeting of the society, just preceding the quarter when reports are due (April, July, October, January), the officers should review their reports, check any unanswered questions, and see that all blanks are sent off promptly to their corresponding officers in the district (or conference if there is no district officer). Any items under "Remarks" that can be added to the statistics which will enlighten the district or conference officers on the progress of the work of the local society will be greatly appreciated.

Reports are records of progress or retrogression. They help the society check on itself as well as inform the districts, conferences, and the division on the state of the work. Remember, each local society is a link in a great chain and yours is as important as any other.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

By Thelma Stevens, *Executive Secretary*

NO MORE timely challenge could come to Methodist women in the month of December than the "Interfaith Declaration on World Peace," which was released in October by the Federal Council of Churches, the Synagogue Council of America, and the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. This statement was signed by 144 Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish leaders. The following text of the statement is reprinted from *Information Service*, October 9, 1943:

"1. *The moral law must govern world order.* The organization of a just peace depends upon practical recognition of the fact that not only individuals but nations, states, and international society are subject to the sovereignty of God and to the moral law which comes from God.

"2. *The rights of the individual must be assured.* The dignity of the human person as the image of God must be set forth in all its essential implications in an international declaration of rights, and be vindicated by the positive action of national governments and international organization. States as well as individuals must repudiate racial, religious, and other discrimination in violation of those rights.

"3. *The rights of oppressed, weak, or colonial peoples must be protected.* The rights of all peoples, large and small, subject to the good of the organized world community, must be safeguarded within the framework of collective security. The progress of undeveloped, colonial, or oppressed peoples toward political responsibility must be the object of international concern.

"4. *The rights of minorities must be secured.* National governments and international organization must respect and guarantee the rights of ethnic, religious, and cultural minorities to economic livelihood, to equal opportunity for educational and cultural development, and to political equality.

"5. *International institutions to maintain peace with justice must be organized.* An enduring peace requires the organization of international institutions which will (*a*) develop a body of international law; (*b*) guarantee the faithful fulfilment of international obligations and revise them when necessary; (*c*) assure collective security by drastic limitation and continuing control of armaments, compulsory arbitration and adjudication of controversies; and the use when necessary of adequate sanctions to enforce the law.

"6. *International economic co-operation must be developed.* International economic collaboration to assist all states to provide an adequate standard of living for their citizens must replace the present economic monopoly and exploitation of natural resources by privileged groups and states.

"7. *A just social order within each state must be achieved.* Since the harmony and well-being of the world community are intimately bound up with the internal equilibrium and social order of the individual states, steps must be taken to provide for the security of the family, the collaboration of all groups and classes in the interest of the common good, a standard of living adequate for self-development and family life, decent conditions of work, and participation by labor in decisions affecting its welfare."

The text of the several preambles follows:

Protestant

"In a world troubled to despair by recurring war the Protestant churches have been seeking to show how moral and religious convictions should guide the relations of nations. Their conclusions are in many important respects similar to those of men of other faiths. In this we rejoice, for world order cannot be achieved without the co-operation of all men of good will. We appeal to our constituency to give heed to the following proposals enunciated by Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, which must find expression in national policies. Beyond these proposals we hold that the ultimate foundations of peace require spiritual regeneration as emphasized in the Christian gospel."

Catholic

"We present for the consideration of all men of good will the following postulates of a just peace as embodying the principles of the moral law and their prime applications to world problems of our day. To our mind they express the minimum requirements of a peace which Christians can endorse as fair to all men. They are the foundation on which Catholics in a free world can work from deep motives of Christian justice and charity for the building of a better social order."

Jewish

"The American Synagogue commends to the attention of its own constituency and to all men

of faith the following principles as a guide to thought and action in dealing with the grave world problems of our time. These seven principles, while they do not exhaust the teachings of the Jewish tradition on issues of social relationships, have their sanction in Judaism, both biblical and rabbinic. Judaism's highest goal has ever been 'to amend the world through the kingdom of God.' The Synagogue therefore calls upon its adherents, both as citizens and as Jews, to seek after the implementation of these principles. They will thereby act in faithful conformity with the moral values of the Jewish religion, and at the same time serve the best interests of country and of mankind."

Attention! Local Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

1. *Who composes the Local Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities?*

The local secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities is chairman, and working with her should be three or more women interested in the work of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. The number on the committee depends upon the size of the society.

2. *What is the work of this Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities?*

The committee meets regularly and studies the special needs of the church and community as they relate to such matters as the following: Visitation among church and community families, whether old residents or newcomers; special fellowship and recreation needs of the church, such as supervised game rooms, reading rooms, family-night programs and suppers, general community night features, etc.; special community problems that may relate to housing and health, recreation facilities, juvenile delinquency, employment, wages and hours, race or group tensions, etc. The committee brings reports and recommendations to the Woman's Society at its regular monthly meetings. Such recommendations may relate to a special *informal* study or to action that should grow out of an *approved* study (for example, "The Church and America's Peoples"), or to special legislation, community co-operative enterprises, special church or parsonage furnishings that women may assume obligations for, etc. The program or activity or study should then be the responsibility of the *whole society.*

3. *What are some regular duties of the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities?*

(1) She is chairman of the Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

(2) She is a member of the Study Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

(3) She is a member of the Program Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

(4) She is a member of the Finance Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, or designates a member of her committee to that task.

(5) She sends regularly quarterly reports to her district secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

4. *What literature is available for the use of the committee in planning its activities and recommendations?*

Materials from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio:

LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION; price, 15 cents.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY; price, 15 cents.

ECONOMIC RELATIONS; price, 15 cents.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP; price, 15 cents.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER NARCOTICS; price, 15 cents.

UNITY—A CHALLENGE TO AMERICAN DEMOCRACY; price, 25 cents.

PEACE PACKET; price, 75 cents.

"Activities for 1944" will appear in the January issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

THE METHODIST WOMAN (See October and November issues specially).

WORLD OUTLOOK.

Miscellaneous materials from other sources.

Wesleyan Service Guild

"There is a radiance and glory in the darkness could we but see; and we have only to look. . . .

"And so at this Christmas time, I greet you—not quite as the world sends greetings, but with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks and the shadows flee away."

—Fra Giovanni (1603)

Our Christmas Gift

"OUR Christmas gift to God, to our absent brothers, and to all men everywhere is to look out upon our world with an absolutely unconquerable hope because the light of Christ does still shine wherever there is darkness and the darkness has never overpowered it. Nor can such light ever be overpowered, for it is of God."

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Why not a Guild Christmas present for the church? One Guild is planning to give a fine Guest Book which will be placed in a conspicuous place near the entrance to the church. A small sign near the book will request that all gainfully employed women state the nature of their employment after their signatures. The minister will cooperate with a special Guild committee in becoming acquainted with these women.

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Chaplains in the armed forces are asking for Testaments. Perhaps some Guild member may have a Testament she could spare for this fine service. Could there be a better Christmas present?

The American Bible Society has *Pocket Testaments* not only with khaki or blue binding, but also with the insignia of Army or Navy air corps, Marines, Coast Guard, Seabees, Waves, Wacs, or Merchant Marine, for only 20 cents (Park Avenue and 57th Street, New York, N. Y.).

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Last year some Guilds made a committee responsible for the Christmas service and selected a meaningful but easily presented dramatic program. It meant much to the church and to the Guild.

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One or more of the Nativity pictures, or a miniature Nativity scene, properly lighted as a worship center, with or without Christmas candles or greens, will make more effective Scripture readings or the use of Christmas stories. Appropriate Christmas carols can be selected from *The Methodist Hymnal* or special collections of Christmas carols. Many units prefer to work out their own Christmas programs.

Unpreparedness for Peace

"It is a terrible thing to say; but the war may end too soon. It ended unexpectedly the other time and we were not ready for either domestic reconstruction or our place in an organized world. It will probably end unexpectedly again—perhaps even this year in Europe and not much later in the Far East. We are certainly not ready. . . . .

"Winning the war is doing a big job; it is preventing Hitler and Tojo from dominating the world. But only by winning the peace can we prevent second Hitlers, Mussolinis, and Tojos from coming to power. And only by ending unemployment can we prevent their American counterparts from coming to power here. . . . .

"The only way to prevent the terrible unemployment that is bound to come, sooner or later, after the war is for all the people to work together. . . . .

"I know that winning the war has to come first. But you win a war for a purpose. And you have to think about the purpose of the war, or the war merely means so many corpses, so many ruined cities and industries, so much destruction. . . . ."

One might expect to see such an article in one of our church papers. This, however, appeared in the *Journeymen Plumbers' and Steam Fitters' Journal*, as did also the following editorial paragraphs, under the title, "New Social Frontiers":

"One of the great ironies of the war is that millions of Americans are for the first time enjoying goods and services denied to them in time of peace. Thousands of American fighting men who have come from depressed industrial and rural areas are discovering that the uniform of the United States armed forces confers an immunity to diseases of malnutrition. Thousands are experiencing the taste of foods previously unknown to them; for the first time they are wearing sturdy shoes and warm, well-fitting clothing. . . . . For many, a whole new world of physical well-being is being opened up. Despite the rigors and the hardships of military discipline, these men are now realizing the meaning of what in happier years we were pleased to call the American standard of living. . . . .

'Thousands of the 'okies' and 'arkies' of Mr. Steinbeck's novel are now finding security from want in the West Coast shipyards and factories of Mr. Henry Keiser. In spite of point rationing and food scarcity, they are, for the first time in generations, abandoning their accustomed diet of fat-back and grits for the wonders of fresh meat and green vegetables.

"These are by-products of the war, negative accomplishments of the turmoil and unbalance of our crisis economy. Mention of them is made not for any didactic purpose, but only to suggest that vast social frontier still existing that awaits our exploration.

"That social frontier is in the lives and well-being of the American people, all one hundred and thirty millions of them. Let us examine briefly the challenge that it offers us. . . . .

"The eradication of all these evils is thrown into sharp focus by the exacting demands of war. With the same zeal, the same self-denial, the same spirit of unity that the war against Facism has evoked, Americans must war against disease, poverty, and the waste of natural riches. The disgrace of malnutrition, of forty-five million Americans living on a diet insufficient to maintain normal growth and repair, must be wiped out. The national living standard must be lifted, slums must be razed, decent houses built, roads paved, highways laid out, harbors dredged, soils conserved, floods prevented, farms electrified and rendered more fit for human habitation, hospitals and schools erected, and medical and educational services expanded. In the fields of public health alone a vast frontier extends. We must attack the social diseases, cancer, infantile paralysis, pellagra, infant and maternal mortality, and the rest."

Correction

In the November issue the writer of Surplus Man Power was the western jurisdiction Guild secretary and the signature should have been "Gertrude M. Hutchinson."

MABEL RUTH NOWLIN

Be sure to read "From Daylight to Nightlight," in which Miss Nowlin writes the Guild of her work. (See page 14.)

The New World Map

Fellow Colleges

By Lenore E. Porter, *Secretary*

What Are Fellow Colleges?

There are some forty-five Christian institutions of higher education colleges and professional schools in China, India, Japan, Africa, Korea, and Latin America in which Christian students of various colleges and universities of the United States have a special interest and concern. Many of these colleges in other lands were Methodist institutions; most of them are now "Union Colleges" in which Methodism shares. Through the years, in many instances, close relationships have developed between college groups. There has been a Syracuse-in-China; Goucher College has been a sister college of Isabella Thoburn College; Wellesley has linked with Yenching; Smith College, with Ginling; Princeton has sponsored the Princeton-Yenching Foundation. Through the former Woman's Foreign Missionary Society there were about fifty such relationships under the Sister College movement.

The Fellow College Plan is an outgrowth and expansion of this association of colleges *here* with colleges *there*. It is hoped the plan will grow so that not only will there be lines running from some colleges in the United States to colleges abroad and back again, but that similar lines will run from the colleges of many countries to those of other lands. South America might have fellow colleges in India, India in Korea, and so on until there will be a network of good will and helpfulness binding Christian colleges of the world together.

The reaching of hands across the seas in comradeship and understanding and sharing has been important in the past but never so vital as now. Because of the war, colleges have been driven from their campuses; their plants have been destroyed or militarized; new buildings and equipment are necessary; but more essential now than the securing of funds for material relief and for the rehabilitation of these schools is the binding together of the youth of the world in the fellowship of understanding and of common effort to rebuild a shattered world and to make the foundations of the world that is to be Christian! Fellow colleges provide a channel for world-wide co-operation of Christian students who should be the future leaders of the world.

How to Begin a Fellow College Relationship

1. *Know* these colleges in other countries. Become acquainted with these campuses abroad. To help you there is coming off the press a booklet by Dr. Frank Cartwright,* describing the colleges and giving a brief description of each institution of college and professional rank in which Methodism has a share. Obtain now "Christian Colleges Around the World"—the new world map in color on which these schools are located. This map may be secured from the Student Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York. Map, 50 cents; complete packet available later.

2. *Choose* one or more Fellow Colleges and become acquainted with them. It does not matter if some other institution has chosen the ones you select, for these colleges abroad need many fellow colleges in the United States to

*Do not order until advertised on page 32 of The Methodist Woman.

which they can look for understanding and comradeship and assistance. We in America need them, for ours indeed must be one world.

3. *What* can be done to help these colleges? Insofar as possible establish contact with the college and its student fellowship groups. Do not expect letters from individuals in these schools (to send a letter from China to the United States costs 70 cents at this writing). But you as a group can write an informing letter of your institution, your group activities, your outlook on the problems of today as students face them and your program, as far as you have worked it out, to make tomorrow's world Christian in its attitude and behavior.

If there are foreign students on your campus, start this international fellowship with them. In certain cases it might be possible to arrange for an exchange student. (Before undertaking this, counsel with the Student Secretaries at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.)

Money will provide scholarships for student who are destitute of financial resources. Students in China have traveled as far as 2,100 miles, walking much of the distance, carrying their few possessions on their backs, in order to have the opportunity of going to college. West China Union University has welcomed four of the refugee colleges on its campus—colleges which have fled from Occupied China to Free China. They do not complain of crowded quarters, of insufficient equipment for science laboratories, of few books for study and research. They—and other colleges—long for more scholarships so that Christian youth, eager for an education, may not be turned away. If your gift seems too small, near-by colleges might combine their contributions. "A trained Christian leadership is the greatest need of the postwar world."

Through FELLOW COLLEGES you have an opportunity *this year*—not at some time in the future—to start making a different, a Christian world.

So choose your FELLOW COLLEGE and join hands with student friends abroad in the building of tomorrow's world. See the colleges located on the map, and WATCH FOR THE FELLOW COLLEGE PICTURE SHEET!

The October issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN and the pictorial section of the forthcoming December *World Outlook* will make excellent supplementary material for the study of "Christian Ventures in Learning and Living." Be sure to file these two magazines.

From Daylight to Nightlight

(*Continued from page 14*)

One thing which I feel will be a definite development, even more after the war than is true now, is this one of women in business and professional life. Thus far the church has not awakened to their presence very much, so far as provisions for them is concerned, but we've seen that develop in the United States in the past twenty-five years. Right now I could easily be spending all of my time and that of a Chinese associate on that part of missionary work alone, here in Chungking. I regret that I have other responsibilities, too, and can't give all my time to that phase, but it is very much on my mind and heart, and the loving co-operation of all you Wesleyan Service Guild women on the home base is a constant inspiration as I do what I can about it.

On Children's Day all over Free China, I spoke in our Dai Chia Hang Church on "Lessons Grown-ups May Learn From Children." While the choir was singing the anthem I reached in my Bible for my outline—and to my dismay realized I'd left it at home! I hurriedly scribbled the main points down and managed to get along as well as if I'd had them. We celebrated in the afternoon by opening the Sunday school for children which I've organized since I came. A lovely mother who used to go to high school when I taught in Changli, and a young man of the Youth Fellowship, along with the nurse who directs religious activities in our hospital, assist me. I've a dream of opening a children's reading room and library.

In autumn the weather is so cloudy that there isn't the likelihood of air raids that we have now. At our Methodist Institutional Church, in the afternoon, I attended the Parents' Day celebration, held in the chapel which has been recently rebuilt after being demolished in air raids three years ago. It is so good to have it as a meeting place again, for there is such need of the constructive work one can do in a regular church building that just isn't the same in a makeshift hall. In rooms adjoining the chapel, the Methodist Law School of Soochow University, and Commercial College of Shanghai Baptist College, have recently opened a union school with two hundred students, of whom about fifteen are women. Next week the church is inviting the Christian students to a tea when we'll talk about what they would like in the way of Christian activities.

My mornings are spent in the office of National Christian Council. Afternoons are divided (too divided, alas) between supervising religious work for women and children in our two Methodist churches and in Methodist Board of Publications work. Then there are extras, as when I spoke for the women of America on International Women's Day. But it is thrilling to be your representative in sharing the Good News of the imperishable gospel that is meant for the last and least person of this great city and nation, as it is meant for you and me. After a spring shower, I read this morning Isaiah 61:11, which so describes the world today:

"For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth: so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

Program Suggestions for February

By Helen Cox Exman

Topic: Students in Our Schools

THE program material for February as given in the program booklet, *The Lord's Song in a Strange Land,* lends itself into an interesting presentation. Remember to bring out the fact that we are not thinking particularly of the majority groups in the schools supported by the Woman's Societies of Christian Service, but rather of the young people in our educational institutions in the United States who have come from other countries. They find themselves here in a strange land, in a strange environment. They are learning to sing the Lord's song under the tutelage of our missionaries and deaconesses. Is the Woman's Society of Christian Service adequately meeting this great opportunity?

President E. C. Peters, of Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, in addressing the college faculty at the beginning of the school year, said: "In times like these, it is incumbent upon teachers and others who are engaged in working with youth to examine their own faith. This faith should be rooted deeply in a vital Christian experience. Faith in forces less real and abiding, however much they may have seemed sufficient in the past, cannot meet the tests of this day. It is not enough to be able to teach well the subject matter of one's particular specialization. This must be done, but behind it and over it and through it all there must be this vital Christian faith, if what is done is to have very much meaning to our young people, rightly puzzled about the present and deeply troubled about the future. The present is a time when Christian teachers must reveal through their teaching and through their daily living the Christ they love and the Christ they serve."

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Have one of your talented members read the poem written by a Harwood School student. See page 21, October, 1943, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. She should preface this recital by telling the story of these two girls which is also given in this article. It would add interest to show their pictures.

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In presenting the facts about Vashti School (page 18 of program booklet) some current up-to-date news about the school could be made by giving the gist of the article, "Vashti Faces the Challenge of the Hour," which appeared on page 4 of the September, 1943, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. Secure the leaflet, "Vashti School";* price, 5 cents each. The pictures in this leaflet could be pasted on a sheet of cardboard and passed out among the members.

Additional material can be found in the leaflet, "Christian Education in a Democracy";* price, 10 cents. Leaflet on "Holding Institute," which is a part of the Challenge Today Series; price, 25 cents. An article, "An Open Letter From Puerto Rico," found on page 10 of the September issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Additional Sketches of Students (for a longer program).

Mexican Student—

I was born in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and went to school at the age of five, but not liking this public school, "Escuela Hidalgo," because of its students and customs, I decided to go to a better school, "Serafin Pena," in which I finished my primary education. I was eager to learn how to speak the English language, and asked my mother to send me to a good school where I could learn it. My mother, being a Holding Institute alumna, decided to send me here at the age of eleven.

Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas, has been my home for seven long years; during this time I have learned many things. I have had many pleasant experiences. I made many friends in both United States and Mexico. I have learned to live a clean, Christian life, for which I am very grateful to dear Holding.

This year I am the president of the Students' League, and my purpose has been to aid in keeping order among the students, in keeping the campus clean, and in doing other things for the benefit of Holding Institute, the Alma Mater of my mother and older brother. Soon it will be mine also.

From China—

The pictures of America and the American people which I, who was raised in the eastern hemisphere, obtained from various sources, were interesting but vague and sometimes wrong. To fulfill my desire for new experiences I made several imaginary trips to the new continent. My being a Christian and my interest in Christianity are due to the Christlike personality and undaunted service of those missionaries with whom I had contact. The first glimpse of Scarritt College at Nashville, Tennessee, was through my friends who are real daughters of Scarritt family and are doing their full share to achieve the purpose of their Alma Mater, building the kingdom of heaven on the earth. Their attitude and personality are the important factors in my decision to where to pursue my further education.

After I made my decision to come to Scarritt, on a warm July day, I started my interesting and thrilling trip to the land of democracy. After I landed in San Francisco, I discovered that the people in the so-called "Wild West" are fine and friendly. As my train was heading to the north, I thought that since the people rushed everywhere, nobody would be able to render any help to the lone troubled one if she needed it. When I was mingling in these daily activities, I found that true efficiency is that people can distinguish what is the first and most important things and get them done at once and have most things done in less time.

On my way to the South, I was thrilled to look forward to the experience of southern hospitality in the Scarritt family and its community. The warm welcome of the friendly teachers and the fellow students helped me feel at home instantly.

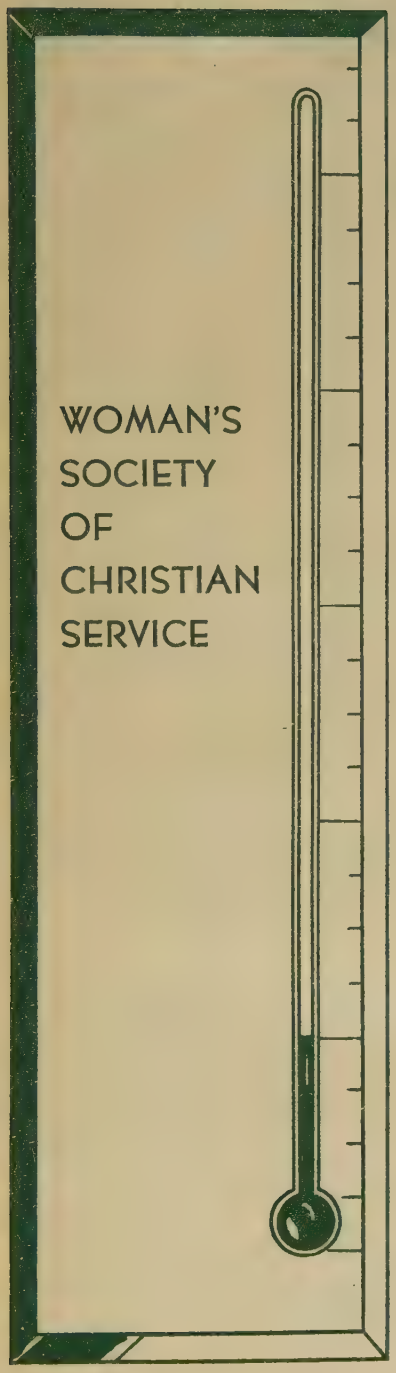
The Christian atmosphere in Scarritt makes me see God easier and clearer and know God better every day.

A suggestion for poster and invitations for February meeting

*Secure from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

Christmas

A Time to Remember Others!



FINANCIAL TEMPERATURE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Post War Needs . . . . . (*See Editorial*)

"We cannot adequately sing the Lord's Song on a pre-war budget." Let us close the year with our pledges fully met and overpaid—overpaid because of the extreme need in a wartorn world. Then let us make our new pledges in January to meet the need of the world in which we live.

Appropriations for One Year, June 1, 1943 to May 31, 1944 . . . . . $3,471,643.00

Amount Which Must Be Raised During Last Quarter This Year $1,098,623.97

It should be remembered that the appropriations totalling $3,471,643 are based on pre-war receipts. Note the register on the thermometer if we meet war and postwar needs.

Total Income for First Three Quarters Calendar Year

From Conferences . . . $2,213,235.48
From Other Sources . . 159,783.55

$2,373,019.03

FINANCIAL REPOR

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD OF MISSIO

Mrs. Ina Davis Fult

CONFERENCE INCOME FOR APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENT

Jurisdiction	Adult	W. S. G.	Total on Pledge	Student	Methodist Youth	Children
North Central:						
Dakota	$2,033.96	$29.00	$2,062.96		$42.00	$24
Detroit	10,564.01	618.13	11,182.14	$.57	195.22	114
Illinois	14,858.67	525.06	15,383.73		224.47	208
Indiana	15,241.89	799.31	16,041.20	3.00	484.30	279
Iowa-Des Moines	11,289.60	171.88	11,461.48		153.33	79
Michigan	6,819.92	425.90	7,245.82		123.05	187
Minnesota	3,638.09	50.00	3,688.09		35.96	84
North Dakota	1,259.54	4.50	1,264.04		4.00	13
North Indiana	10,538.13	434.17	10,972.30		503.94	298
North-East Ohio	23,126.21	461.06	23,587.27	2.50	505.81	148
North Minnesota	4,438.23	289.08	4,727.31		61.63	25
Northwest Indiana	4,773.40	128.25	4,901.65		134.70	82
Northwest Iowa	7,813.42	237.76	8,051.18	81.25	132.25	62
Norwegian-Danish						
Ohio	25,616.91	592.16	26,209.07		467.56	290
Rock River	11,385.59	619.46	12,005.05		190.87	64
Southern Illinois	5,785.24	339.91	6,125.15		206.76	33
Upper Iowa	5,759.21	25.00	5,784.21		97.85	56
West Wisconsin	2,109.18	70.50	2,179.68		17.85	24
Wisconsin	4,213.77	85.00	4,298.77		75.96	33
Northeastern:						
Baltimore	11,668.42	337.68	12,006.10		27.92	38
Central New York	5,766.54	29.83	5,796.37		65.62	14
Central Pennsylvania	7,921.57	67.35	7,988.92		21.10	32
East German	4.99		4.99			
Erie	9,611.77	90.00	9,701.77		82.79	167
Genesee	8,159.69	86.60	8,246.29	4.00	58.83	71
Maine	1,101.62		1,101.62		1.00	
New England	3,963.77	220.46	4,184.23		42.70	77
New England Southern	1,568.14		1,568.14		17.85	
New Hampshire	736.64	20.00	756.64			6
New Jersey	9,020.10	208.60	9,228.70	15.00	210.09	108
New York	2,839.23	131.50	2,970.73		55.90	3
New York East	6,235.53	55.52	6,291.05		24.75	68
Newark	5,084.67	87.27	5,171.94		24.85	28
Northern New York	6,145.07	149.00	6,294.07		147.25	30
Peninsula	4,376.77	7.84	4,384.61		77.67	13
Philadelphia	6,638.74	341.55	6,980.29		61.96	56
Pittsburgh	14,625.85	230.80	14,856.65		273.98	162
Troy	4,935.69	98.58	5,034.27		8.57	24
West Virginia	12,676.88	455.47	13,132.35	2.50	270.12	79
Wyoming	6,121.00		6,121.00		21.50	6
Puerto Rico Provisional						
South Central:						
Central Kansas	12,411.60	406.00	12,817.60		321.00	185
Central Texas	6,601.40	247.60	6,849.00	3.50	103.40	35
East Oklahoma	4,575.94	132.90	4,708.84		59.38	62
Indian Mission	77.35		77.35			
Kansas	7,651.07	280.96	7,932.03		177.13	143
Little Rock	5,592.07	301.93	5,894.00	12.50	123.66	42
Louisiana	7,861.09	375.47	8,236.56		132.65	21
Missouri	3,896.86	80.50	3,977.36	7.50		
Nebraska	9,254.68	234.94	9,489.62		143.08	38
New Mexico	470.00	246.75	716.75		32.65	3
North Arkansas	4,577.13	282.37	4,859.50		50.50	16
North Texas	7,372.75	137.50	7,510.25		62.50	26
Northwest Texas	4,737.00	315.80	5,052.80		271.14	30
St. Louis	5,191.43	188.50	5,379.93		43.30	41
Southwest Mexican	106.76		106.76		8.00	10
Southwest Missouri	6,592.92	399.65	6,992.57		93.90	54
Southwest Texas	6,926.95	341.38	7,268.33		74.28	20
Texas	8,778.02	335.89	9,113.91		98.70	92
West Oklahoma	7,512.37	212.63	7,725.00		143.72	42

Total for Appropr'ns 1943	Total for Appropr'ns 1942	DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS: Income for Appropr'ns — General Appropr'ns	Income for Appropr'ns — Conference Work	Total for Appropr'ns 1943	Week of Prayer	Supplies	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Misc.	Total Receipts
$2,129.93	$2,578.32	$2,129.93		$2,129.93		$46.00	$5.00		$2,180.93
11,492.78	11,649.47	10,541.78	$951.00	11,492.78	$23.17	154.14		$50.00	11,720.09
15,816.95	16,094.91	12,421.95	3,395.00	15,816.95		396.30		4,077.05	20,290.30
16,808.13	13,662.88	15,924.63	883.50	16,808.13		122.55			16,930.68
11,694.60	10,954.68	10,985.18	709.42	11,694.60		86.20		50.00	11,830.80
7,556.31	8,424.10	7,556.31		7,556.31	5.00	68.25			7,629.56
3,808.45	5,852.07	3,808.45		3,808.45		48.00		77.50	3,933.95
1,281.89	1,714.29	1,281.89		1,281.89		28.00			1,309.89
11,774.63	16,439.80	10,424.63	1,350.00	11,774.63		593.61			12,368.24
24,244.45	30,950.27	19,673.97	4,570.48	24,244.45		76.00		1,430.63	25,751.08
4,814.00	6,976.81	4,814.00		4,814.00		11.00			4,825.00
5,118.71	6,551.34	5,048.71	70.00	5,118.71		34.00	47.73		5,200.44
8,327.30	7,798.62	7,742.30	585.00	8,327.30	19.44	84.46		5.00	8,436.20
	957.32								
26,967.32	28,623.19	25,082.32	1,885.00	26,967.32	21.86	289.44			27,278.62
12,260.43	13,639.74	11,473.10	787.33	12,260.43		75.65			12,336.08
6,365.25	5,711.37	6,365.25		6,365.25		171.55			6,536.80
5,938.55	9,170.28	5,838.55	100.00	5,938.55		155.54			6,094.09
2,221.58	2,635.36	2,052.22	169.36	2,221.58		10.00		153.53	2,385.11
4,407.93	4,329.90	4,407.93		4,407.93		58.05			4,465.98
12,072.36	13,505.86	11,175.58	896.78	12,072.36		120.30		120.00	12,312.66
5,876.79	6,440.81	5,763.79	113.00	5,876.79		118.76		10.00	6,005.55
8,042.63	8,838.90	5,617.26	2,425.37	8,042.63		119.97			8,162.60
4.99	549.73	4.99		4.99					4.99
9,952.24	11,472.73	7,770.66	2,181.58	9,952.24		130.38		315.00	10,397.62
8,380.60	6,679.88	7,362.63	1,017.97	8,380.60		82.21		25.00	8,487.81
1,102.62	1,025.23	1,032.62	70.00	1,102.62		10.00			1,112.62
4,304.55	3,564.61	2,804.55	1,500.00	4,304.55		80.21		126.50	4,511.26
1,585.99	1,776.03	1,285.99	300.00	1,585.99		13.00			1,598.99
763.49	816.20	763.49		763.49					763.49
9,561.83	8,189.96	8,311.81	1,250.02	9,561.83	20.12	25.00		7.75	9,614.70
3,030.13	3,310.08	3,030.13		3,030.13	8.93	38.00		10.00	3,087.06
6,383.89	5,237.68	5,833.89	550.00	6,383.89		105.00		300.00	6,788.89
5,224.85	6,590.32	4,549.85	675.00	5,224.85		64.00			5,288.85
6,471.32	1,556.75	6,471.32		6,471.32		34.00			6,505.32
4,476.27	6,077.94	3,438.31	1,037.96	4,476.27		113.55			4,589.82
7,098.86	6,428.54	5,833.82	1,265.04	7,098.86		122.00		585.00	7,805.86
15,293.09	14,501.22	13,203.09	2,090.00	15,293.09		43.00			15,336.09
5,066.84	5,035.54	5,066.84		5,066.84		94.00		120.50	5,281.34
13,484.67	15,284.72	11,434.68	2,049.99	13,484.67		1,178.36	59.40	1,976.90	16,699.33
6,148.50	5,159.00	5,298.50	850.00	6,148.50		50.50			6,199.00
13,323.60	16,562.00	12,573.60	750.00	13,323.60	4.13	226.29		2.40	13,556.42
6,991.11	8,532.25	6,991.11		6,991.11		588.11		90.00	7,669.22
4,830.60	5,255.75	4,830.60		4,830.60		158.25			4,988.85
77.35	86.16	77.35		77.35					77.35
8,253.14	8,963.15	7,483.14	770.00	8,253.14		253.22		25.00	8,531.36
6,072.34	7,544.58	6,072.34		6,072.34		355.90			6,428.24
8,390.74	9,454.73	8,390.74		8,390.74		1,251.42			9,642.16
3,984.86	4,183.54	3,984.86		3,984.86	2.00	399.00		22.20	4,408.06
9,671.20	10,185.55	8,586.20	1,085.00	9,671.20		326.99			9,998.19
752.56	1,624.00	752.56		752.56		316.75			1,069.31
4,925.93	6,152.29	4,925.93		4,925.93		786.65			5,712.58
7,599.00	6,610.55	7,599.00		7,599.00		140.11			7,739.11
5,354.45	6,117.96	5,354.45		5,354.45		1,091.88			6,446.33
5,464.59	6,190.52	5,464.59		5,464.59	12.00	194.91			5,671.50
125.22	129.95	125.22		125.22					125.22
7,140.99	6,275.60	6,440.99	700.00	7,140.99		613.78		1.52	7,756.29
7,363.02	6,656.84	7,363.02		7,363.02		885.39			8,248.41
9,305.25	12,097.31	9,305.25		9,305.25		740.97			10,046.22
7,911.65	6,166.18	7,911.65		7,911.65		286.13		3.00	8,200.78

CONFERENCE INCOME FOR APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENT

Jurisdiction	Adult	W. S. G.	Total on Pledge	Student	Methodist Youth	Children
Southeastern:						
Alabama	$5,896.68	$425.22	$6,321.90	$9.25	$74.51	$56.
Florida	12,835.00	442.95	13,277.95		227.06	45.
Holston	9,792.51	763.27	10,555.78	6.50	298.00	42.
Kentucky	6,208.67	321.33	6,530.00		99.10	60.
Louisville	4,468.63	355.00	4,823.63		154.54	14.
Memphis	7,244.25	625.75	7,870.00		83.85	59.
Mississippi	6,393.71	316.75	6,710.46	.97	127.88	5.
North Alabama	9,473.04	511.45	9,984.49		240.38	75.
North Carolina	10,510.58	767.86	11,278.44		288.26	70.
North Georgia	11,696.12	1,306.90	13,003.02		264.46	82.
North Mississippi	4,286.55	212.55	4,499.10		115.48	44.
South Carolina	5,713.56	220.38	5,933.94		77.94	33.
South Georgia	12,040.00	501.41	12,541.41	3.40	157.31	28.
Tennessee	6,311.80	459.17	6,770.97		130.30	26.
Upper South Carolina	5,852.71	302.29	6,155.00		42.83	29.
Virginia	18,681.32	259.60	18,940.92	66.00	100.34	57.
Western North Carolina	14,038.09	1,188.86	15,226.95		256.24	59.
Western:						
Alaska Mission						
California	7,782.90	289.85	8,072.75		128.59	66.
Colorado	3,118.76	206.95	3,325.71		64.92	22.
Idaho	1,161.89	122.00	1,283.89		1.50	1.
Montana	1,298.45	62.36	1,360.81		73.65	9.
Oregon	3,226.61	57.50	3,284.11		65.95	18.
Pacific Northwest	5,476.28	124.00	5,600.28		31.31	69.
Southern California-Arizona	27,926.13	568.58	28,494.71		182.82	200
Utah Mission	150.00		150.00			
Wyoming State	936.46	12.62	949.08	8.00	6.93	1.
Central:						
Atlanta	113.67		113.67			
Central Alabama	100.00	2.00	102.00	3.50	8.00	10.
Central West	82.00		82.00		11.50	6.
Delaware	897.23	26.10	923.33	22.36	6.00	9.
East Tennessee	135.00		135.00			
Florida	130.00	5.00	135.00		10.50	4.
Lexington	598.85	74.00	672.85		6.15	6.
Louisiana	171.06	15.00	186.06		25.50	2.
Mississippi						
North Carolina						
Savannah	56.00		56.00		7.00	
South Carolina	62.00	10.00	72.00			10.
South Florida	25.00		25.00			
Southwest	102.00	17.00	119.00			
Tennessee	110.00	5.00	115.00		10.00	3.
Texas	157.40	31.00	188.40		4.00	5.
Upper Mississippi						
Washington	620.10	10.60	630.70		16.25	30.
West Texas	100.00		100.00			
Hawaii Conference	278.77		278.77			
China Mission	95.67		95.67			
Totals	$617,010.49	$23,665.25	$640,675.74	$252.30	$10,490.00	$5,241.
Other Income for Appropriations:						
Deaconess Emergency and Relief Fund						
Deaconess Pension Fund						
Enrolled Missionary Pension Fund						
Interest						
Specials and Miscellaneous Gifts						
Other Designated Expendable Funds:						
Institutional Income						
Madame Chiang Kai-shek Fund						
Miscellaneous						
Refunds						
Bennett College Endowment (W. H. M. S.)						
Sibley Hospital (W. H. M. S.)						
Transients						
Grand Totals	$617,010.49	$23,665.25	$640,675.74	$252.30	$10,490.00	$5,241.

Total for Appropr'ns 1943	Total for Appropr'ns 1942	DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS: Income for Appropr'ns: General Appropr'ns	Income for Appropr'ns: Conference Work	Total for Appropr'ns 1943	Week of Prayer	Supplies	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Misc.	Total Receipts
$6,462.64	$7,261.56	$6,462.64		$6,462.64		$430.46			$6,893.10
13,550.67	13,106.00	13,550.67		13,550.67		2,360.91		$150.00	16,061.58
10,902.57	11,356.00	10,902.57		10,902.57		536.58			11,439.15
6,689.32	5,862.86	6,689.32		6,689.32		123.09			6,812.41
4,993.00	6,135.39	4,993.00		4,993.00		388.72	$19.95		5,401.67
8,013.60	8,423.56	8,013.60		8,013.60		441.88			8,455.48
6,845.17	6,597.09	6,845.17		6,845.17		200.67			7,045.84
10,300.17	12,537.75	10,300.17		10,300.17		441.93		250.40	10,992.50
11,637.07	13,516.74	11,637.07		11,637.07		217.01		460.92	12,315.00
13,350.00	15,505.00	12,317.25	$1,032.75	13,350.00		130.70		1,868.58	15,349.28
4,659.41	5,068.58	4,659.41		4,659.41		184.21			4,843.62
6,045.44	6,119.06	6,045.44		6,045.44		288.03	21.89		6,355.36
12,730.80	14,163.35	12,730.80		12,730.80		930.68			13,661.48
6,927.36	7,149.80	5,961.64	965.72	6,927.36		689.10			7,616.46
6,227.78	3,771.26	6,227.78		6,227.78	$18.90	1,536.11		331.50	8,114.29
19,164.92	20,572.67	19,164.92		19,164.92		1,542.62			20,707.54
15,542.76	16,546.86	15,542.76		15,542.76	3.05	522.56		1,835.14	17,903.51
8,267.89	7,907.82	7,967.89	300.00	8,267.89		371.83		1,610.43	10,250.15
3,413.45	3,763.10	2,683.45	730.00	3,413.45		190.64		322.42	3,926.51
1,286.39	941.80	1,286.39		1,286.39		105.66			1,392.05
1,443.70	1,045.54	1,381.20	62.50	1,443.70		35.60			1,479.30
3,368.61	3,654.39	3,118.61	250.00	3,368.61		234.87			3,603.48
5,701.11	5,671.61	4,800.71	900.40	5,701.11		652.93		46.00	6,400.04
28,878.36	11,449.92	22,429.72	6,448.64	28,878.36		573.13		2,684.78	32,136.27
150.00	140.53	150.00		150.00					150.00
965.24	827.00	965.24		965.24		32.00			997.24
113.67	239.26	113.67		113.67					113.67
123.50	293.82	123.50		123.50		2.00			125.50
100.00	62.91	100.00		100.00					100.00
961.43	1,124.04	695.43	266.00	961.43		22.00			983.43
135.00	80.00	135.00		135.00					135.00
149.50	96.58	149.50		149.50			2.50		152.00
685.00	874.10	685.00		685.00		20.00			705.00
214.06	173.10	214.06		214.06		9.80		7.50	231.36
	150.00					9.00			9.00
	200.00								
63.00		63.00		63.00		15.00			78.00
82.00	32.55	82.00		82.00					82.00
25.00	49.00	25.00		25.00					25.00
119.00	71.00	119.00		119.00			1.25		120.25
128.00	60.00	128.00		128.00					128.00
197.40	515.42	197.40		197.40					197.40
	42.15								
677.90	594.32	677.90		677.90	2.00	24.25			704.15
100.00	179.00	100.00		100.00					100.00
278.77	262.48	278.77		278.77					278.77
95.67		95.67		95.67					95.67
$656,659.63	$679,740.33	$608,669.82	$47,989.81	$656,659.63	$140.60	$26,930.70	$157.72	$19,152.15	$703,040.80
		100.00		100.00					100.00
		9,711.58		9,711.58					9,711.58
		14.00		14.00					14.00
		7.58		7.58					7.58
		12,713.98		12,713.98					12,713.98
								83,504.00	83,504.00
								31.00	31.00
						7.75		13,106.44	13,114.19
								4,581.50	4,581.50
								26,000.00	26,000.00
								50,000.00	50,000.00
								16,135.20	16,135.20
$656,659.63	$679,740.33	$631,216.96	$47,989.81	$679,206.77	$140.60	$26,938.45	$157.72	$212,510.29	$918,953.83

Northeastern Jurisdiction News South Central

THE winter season calls to our attention the work of the Supply Department. The problems which confront us in this world of change are many. What are we planning to do to help solve some of these problems? The hour of service is the present.

There is one thing evident to all of us: living costs are on the increase. We face it in our homes, but I wonder how many members of our Woman's Society of Christian Service fully realize what this means to our institutions on the home and foreign fields? A decreasing budget will never meet this urgent need. Therefore, we appeal to you, through the Supply Department, to assist in meeting this emergency.

Perhaps supply work needs more publicity locally. Have an exhibit of your supplies before you send them to the institutions. This may be done at a monthly meeting, or on a church night when all organizations are present.

The greatest responsibility rests upon the local supply secretary. When the requests or askings are received she should present them immediately to the society and tell some interesting items concerning the institutions involved.

If the askings are more than can be accepted, notify your district or conference supply secretary of the amount you will accept, that the remaining askings may be placed elsewhere.

In the goals for each society supply work is number seven. In our 1944 program, these aims are called, "Singing and Serving" (see this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, page 16).

See that all requested supplies on the list sent you are cared for before supplying any other institution. If you send to an institution not on your list often it is oversupplied and some other project suffers. Let us do our supply work thoughtfully and wisely.

Supply work is "over and above" the apportionment or pledge. It has been called the "second-mile" gift. The first responsibility of the local society is the apportionment or pledge.

In sending supplies to institutions all packages should be prepaid. The name of the institution and full address and the name and full address of the sender should be marked plainly on each package. Also be sure to send the institution or worker the blank entitled "Shipment of Goods," properly filled out. This blank, with attached voucher, must be signed by the superintendent and returned to the local supply secretary sending the goods.

"Cash Supplies" include all money sent through the regular channels of finance for ministerial supplies, home and foreign institutions, and projects.

No supplies can be sent now to foreign fields, so cash is requested with which needed supplies and equipment can be purchased abroad.

Observe carefully the ruling that only *new supplies* (plus postage and express charges) are given cash valuation. No valuation should be placed on time expended in sewing, quilting, and canning. We cheerfully donate our service.

Please do not report to the supply secretary work done for the Red Cross.

Your society may like to outfit a minister's family this year. If so, write to your district or conference secretary of supply work and she will provide you with the name of a minister's family.

MRS. E. B. DAVIDSON, *Jurisdiction Secretary of Supplies.*

ALTHOUGH the Committee on the Status of Women was quite new to the majority of the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service when the society was organized, it has been heartening to know that from the first women appointed as chairman of the committees in jurisdiction, conference, district, and local societies have been eager to understand their field. Several reasons have been coming to me for retaining the Committee on the Status of Women as a standing committee of the Woman's Division and as a separate committee in the local society.

1. If there ever was a time in history when questions concerning the Status of Women were pertinent, that time is *now*. The tremendous changes that are being brought about by and for women in this present World War; the resultant influences on the home and upon the children; the breakdown in morals that educators tell us is even now upon our youth; the problems of adjustment for women going back into their homes and others remaining in industry that will soon be upon us in the postwar world; our responsibility to the women of the world to assist them in regaining the many privileges they have lost; all these questions are so tremendous that any group of thinking women will do well to point up and emphasize as never before all questions relating to the Status of Women.

2. The American Association of University Women, the League of Women Voters, the Business and Professional Women's Clubs, National Federation of Women's Clubs, and the United Council of Church Women have special committees giving much emphasis to various phases of the Status of Women question. Some of these organizations are not organized for religious purposes, but if our Woman's Society is to keep abreast of the times with these other great women's organizations, we must retain the Committee on Status of Women. Christian women should have a better solution for women problems than secular groups.

3. We have achieved much in the recognition of women in the church. The great boards with their splendid cooperation of men and women are developing a finer spirit than has been known before. But all is not won for women in the church. Women must be trained to take greater responsibility in many places in the local church. They must also be trained to assume greater responsibility on district, conference, jurisdiction, and national boards. This cannot be accomplished by militant aggression but by continued education of all women and men in the church.

4. Shall we place this committee in the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities? This is an all-embracing department and could well include everything, even missionary education and service. But the Woman's Division of Christian Service has seen fit to place missionary interests, both home and foreign, in departments of their own so they may have greater emphasis than would be possible in any other way. The Status of Women is a question for the Committee on Local Church Activity. This is true also of every other Committee in the Christian Social Relations Department. We must think of women's part and place in the Committee on Economics, and in International Relations and World Peace. We must consider women when discussing Minority Groups, Alcohol and Narcotics, and in Christian Citizenship and, probably most of all, in the Christian Family. But again, unless the question of the Status of Women is pointed up especially in many relations, one might study any of these fields and never mention the Status of Women as related to them.

MRS. W. J. POUNDSTONE, *Jurisdiction Chairman of Status of Women.*

North Central

THE Ad Interim Committee of the North Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Harriet McCormick Y.W.C.A. in Chicago, October 19-20, for a business session and to continue plans for the third annual meeting.

Of special importance was the decision to hold a Jurisdiction Summer School similar to and at approximately the same date as the one held at Lake Geneva, Illinois, in June, 1943. The place will be named later.

The third annual jurisdiction meeting will be held in Dubuque, Iowa, January 25-27, 1944. The Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, January 25, prior to the general sessions, which will convene January 26-27.

St. Luke's Methodist Church, whose minister is the Rev. Charles S. Hempstead, will be the entertaining church. Welcoming hostesses of Upper Iowa Conference will be Mrs. H. V. Cherrington, conference president, and Mrs. W. H. Landschulz, president of the local society. Hotel Julien will be the official hotel of the women. The jurisdiction will bring in the conference Wesleyan Service Guild secretaries as its guests.

Mrs. W. F. Tomlinson, vice-president and chairman of the program committee, reports that the program in preparation is built on the theme, "The Methodist Woman in Christian Service to All of Life."

It is very necessary that all voting delegates be in their places for the opening session, Wednesday, January 26, at which time the organization of the jurisdiction society and balloting for division nominees will take place.

This is the last annual meeting of the jurisdiction in the first quadrennium of The Methodist Church. Participation in this program of inspiration, education, and spiritual fortification will prove invaluable to each woman as she carries her influence back to her conference or local church.

MRS. WILLIAM H. HELRIGEL, *Jurisdiction Recording Secretary.*

The January Interconference meeting will be held in the chapel at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., January 21, 10:30 A. M. and 2 P. M. Subject, "My Christian Venture With Orientals." There will be no December meeting.

New Books for Christmas Gifts

My Father's World, written by the late Dr. Merton S. Rice. Illustrated. Price, $1.75.

When Christ Controls, by John M. Versteeg—a new book on stewardship Price, $1.

The Path to Perfection, by W. E. Sangster—a challenge to readers to "lives of compelling Christlikeness." Price, $2.

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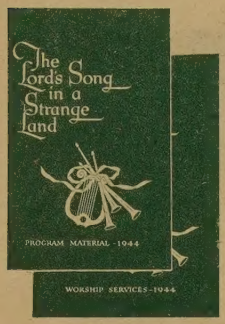

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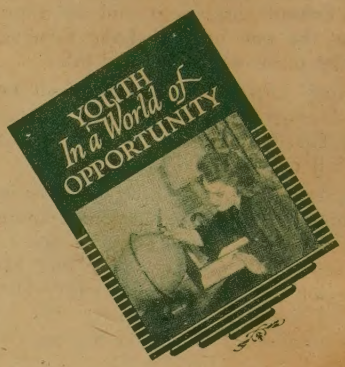

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